IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Assistant Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for filing a Reply to the Office Action dated June 20, 2000 for 3 months from September 20, 2000 to December 20, 2000.

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	Small Entity	Small Entity
1 month -	\$ 55	\$ 110
2 months -	\$ 195	\$ 390
'3 months -	X\$ 445	\$ 890
4 months -	\$ 695	\$1,390
5 months -	\$ 945	\$1,890

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Respectfully submitted,

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